

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Community Center
1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm by Chair Tom Matlack

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Matlack, Chairman, Janice Huxford, Pamela Barnett, Mirza Avdic, Linda Hoult, Gary Petershagen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Davis, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Rebecca Ableman, Lead Senior Planner Russ Wright, Senior Planner Sally Payne, and Clerk Jill Meis

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Excused Absence: Commissioner Huxford made a motion to excuse Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Hoult Second. Motion carried. 5-0-0-2.

Commissioner Petershagen arrived at 7:05pm.

Guest business. None.

Special Presentation. None.

Action Items:

1. *Approve January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes.* Commissioner Hoult made a motion to approve January 7, 2015 minutes, Commissioner Barnett Second. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Public Hearing: None.

Discussion Items: Lead Senior Planner Wright provided an overview of the chapters and updates to the Comprehensive Plan pertaining to the specific requirements from the Department of Commerce to implement the Growth Management Act and the requirements from the Puget Sound Regional Council. He also described changes to the introduction chapter. Commissioner Hoult provided feedback on the references to Frontier Village; she suggested keeping the brand consistent by omitting Frontier Village and instead using Lake Stevens Center. Planner Wright agreed and suggested the same would be done for all subareas.

Senior Planner Payne presented the housing profile element of the Comprehensive Plan in a PowerPoint presentation, created for City Council by the housing alliance. Senior Planner Payne fielded questions regarding the presentation and how the element harmonized with the GMA. Commissioner Avdic asked questions about acquiring more UGA areas. The city will be looking at that over a five-year time frame.

Director Ableman fielded questions on affordable housing and procedures for GMA.

Director Ableman presented and discussed the Parks and Recreation element. She went over the suggested alternative plan and layout of the Cavalero Park and fielded questions regarding infrastructure and bus lines.

Director Ableman briefed the Commission on the Draft 2015 Work Program.

Commissioner Reports: None


Commissioner Huxford reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be linking to our calendar to display current events.

Planning Director Report: Director Ableman will present meeting procedure guidelines at the next meeting as well as an update on the economic incentives.

Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Avdic, Second by Commissioner Hoult, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.



Tom Matlack, Chair



Jill Meis, Clerk, Planning &
Community Development